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CIVIC TRUST INCORPORATED**

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PRESIDENT  
BILL GREENHALGH

SECRETARY  
ARTHUR McDONALD

**TWENTY SIXTH  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, SEVENTH MARCH  
ST JOHNS CHURCH HALL  
BEECROFT ROAD, BEECROFT  
8 pm**

The meeting will review the activities of the Trust throughout 1989 and consider present issues.

The Committee for 1990 will be elected. If any member is interested in being nominated for election to Committee, they are requested to contact the President Dr Greenhalgh on 86 2306, or the Secretary Mr McDonald on 4841170.

Committee members should be available to attend monthly committee meetings and to attend meetings of Hornsby Shire Council on a roster basis.

RESIDENTS ARE REMINDED THAT ONLY TRUST MEMBERS ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT 1989

At the 25th Annual General Meeting held on 8th February, ten members were elected to form a committee. Office bearers elected at the first meeting of that committee were as follows:

President:	Dr William J. Greenhalgh
Vice Presidents	Mr Jim Vandore and Mr Arthur McDonald
Secretary	Mr Arthur McDonald
Treasurer	Mr Jim Vandore
Publicity Officer	Mr Spencer Bough
Parks Subcommittee Representative	Mr Tony Lewis
History Group Representative	Mrs Heather Thomas
Members	Mr Derek Barnett
	Mrs Jocelyn Lloyd
	Mr Ron Kitson
	Mr Ron Anderson

Additions and changes made during the course of the year resulted in:

Vice President	Mrs Heather Thomas
Convenor of Transport Strategies Working Group:	Mr Ron Anderson

Member by

Invitation:

Mr John Madigan

In addition, Mr Fred Waddington continued to organise Bulletin distribution and to act as Honorary Auditor. Members were diligent in attendances at monthly meetings; at extraordinary meetings of Committee and working groups; at rostered attendances at meetings of Hornsby Shire Council, and at convened meetings and socials arranged by the Committee. I am deeply appreciative of the support of all members of Committee; especially in the year which, more than any other year, provided grounds for genuine differences of opinion on several sensitive matters.

### THE FREEWAY/TOLLWAY ISSUE

This issue dominated the activities of the Committee, the various working groups, the President and the emerging resident-action-groups formed in response to the announcement that the long-anticipated Ryde Castlereagh Expressway was to become a high priority project of the State Government. Understandably, the Beecroft and Cheltenham communities are divided on the issue, as witnessed by the archives of our Trust reports and meetings. Ample opportunity has been given to free expression among members and within the community. The outcome is still uncertain; but the following illustrates the attention given to arriving at an informed and just resolution of the issue:

- 16/2/89. Meeting of concerned groups at Beecroft Community Centre.
- 23/2/89. Submission to North West Sector Needs Study.
- 24/2/89. Radio debate; Jim Vandore representing BCCTI. (2RRR)
- 9/3/89. Joint meeting with North Epping Progress Association.
- 11/3/89. Joint organization, with RTA, of tour of inspection of recently completed Berowra Expressway. Local groups invited to participate.
- 22/3/89. Formation within BCCTI of Transport Strategies Working Group; co-ordinator Mr Ron Anderson.
- 17/5/89. Workshop on E.I.S. convened by BCCTI at St John's Hall.
- 7/6/89. Public Meeting to hear Minister for Transport, Hon B. Baird convened at St John's Hall.
- 21/6/89. Plebiscite conducted among members of BCCTI.
- 28/6/89. Transport Strategies Working Group formed three sub-groups:  
(a) Noise, (b) Roads, (c) Alternative transport options.

- 12/7/89. Special General Meeting of BCCTI at St John's Hall. LIBRARY  
 13/7/89. Trust represented at Castlereagh Freeway Advisory Group  
 of SRA by delegates Bill Greenhalgh and Ron Anderson. SYDNEY  
 21/7/89. Formal response to E.I.S. as released by RTA.  
 30/8/89. Meeting at Shire President's Chambers to discuss proposed  
 closure of Sutherland Road.  
 13/10/89. Meeting between Transport Strategies Working Group,  
 interested parties and the Minister for Transport, at  
 the home of BCCTI President.  
 16/10/89. Written submission to the Commission of Inquiry on the  
 F2 Castlereagh Freeway.  
 23/10/89. Reconciliation between data of BCCTI plebiscite and Roy  
 Morgan Poll.  
 24/10/89. Attended opening session of Commission of Inquiry.  
 1/11/89. General Meeting at St John's Hall.  
 13/11/89. Represented at on-site inspection by Derek Barnett.  
 4/12/89. Attendance at CTAG meeting.  
 12/12/89. Submission in person to Commission of Inquiry; Bill  
 Greenhalgh, Ron Anderson, Jenny Lewis, Ken Cregan, David  
 Rowden.  
 20/2/90. Resumption of Commission of Inquiry hearings.

The above can scarcely reflect the intense activity by all members of Committee in gathering and responding to the various opinions held by the community at large. Special recognition must be made to Ron Anderson and his Transport Strategies Working Group who worked tirelessly to provide reasoned and logical arguments questioning the validity of the E.I.S.. In particular, it would seem that the contribution by local acoustics engineers is likely to make this issue a landmark case in road construction proposals.

It is the intention of the Trust to continue to provide input to the Commission of Inquiry and to hold public meetings to disseminate and comment on the findings of the Commissioner, when such findings are eventually released.

#### ISSUES OTHER THAN TRAFFIC MATTERS.

The Expressway did not completely dominate our activities for the year. The following received attention, each in their own time:

- \* Sutherland Road- short term and long term solutions,
- \* Parking restrictions at Beecroft; a survey conducted and report submitted,
- \* Train timetables, especially for school students,
- \* Conduct of Councillors at HSC meetings,
- \* Urban consolidation proposals,
- \* Draft Local Environment Plan for Epping to Pennant Hills,
- \* Road Hierarchy Plan for this region,
- \* Development applications and sub-divisions relating to properties in Beecroft Rd, Chilworth Close, Carlisle Cres., 36/36A
- \* Sutherland Rd, Murray Rd, York St and the lighting of tennis courts at the Cheltenham Recreation Club.
- \* Closure of the retail garden supplies "Garden Gate",
- \* Proposed closure of Hannah St,
- \* State Environment Planning Policy No 28 (SEPP 28),
- \* Water Board re rates,
- \* Dumping of spoil and builders waste in Pennant Hills Park.

#### HAPPIER TIMES

The following were some of the happier occasions in our year:

- \* The Western Walk organized by the Parks Group for 21st May,
- \* "An Evening With Ruth Cracknell", organized by the History Group, at which some \$2,000 was raised for the history publications,
- \* "Guided Walk of Early Cheltenham" organized by the History Group,

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- \* The Perimeter Walk of the Pennant Hills Park, organized by the Parks Group,
- \* The Spring Walk, also organized by the Parks Group,
- \* The address to our October meeting by Mr Brett Doak, City Rail Business Manager, Hornsby,
- \* The music provided by the Beecroft Chamber Orchestra at our Christmas meeting,
- \* The excellent set of slides presented in illustration of John Nobles talk "The Spider in Your Environment", also at our Christmas meeting.

I wish the Trust every success in the coming year; and thank all those who assisted in making this past year such a memorable one.

#### MEMBERSHIP

Your Committee once again urges all residents to join the Trust. The Trust's main aim is to represent residents' interests and to put your points of view before appropriate authorities.

Even if you disagree with a particular policy, all residents must surely agree with the need to maintain the amenity we enjoy in Beecroft and Cheltenham. This amenity is continually threatened so please give the Trust the support of your membership and have your say in determining Trust policy.

Your membership also enables the Trust to distribute this Bulletin throughout Beecroft and Cheltenham.

#### DISTRIBUTION

If you know of any streets in Beecroft or Cheltenham which are not receiving copies of the Bulletin, please contact Mr Fred Waddington on 86 6250 and he will endeavour to arrange future deliveries.

Also, if you can assist with letterbox deliveries of the Bulletin, Fred is always happy to have some emergency helpers on call to cover sicknesses and holiday schedules. So, once again, please contact him if you can assist.

#### BEECROFT-CHELTHENHAM CIVIC TRUST INC.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL  
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